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- 2 question for Lake Barrett and that is -- I want to know
- 3 why my funding was cut at UNLV and you better give me
- 4 an answer back. Write it down -- "Sally's bugs," is
- 5 right. They're worldwide and you can't cut that.
- 6 Thank you.
- 7 Can everybody hear me?
- 8 My name is Sally Devlin. I live in Pahrump.
- 9 This is my ninth year fighting Yucca Mountain with my
- 10 archenemy Lake Barrett. The reason I fight Lake is
- 11 Lake always says in his summaries that there is not one
- 12 repository, but two. And I hope everybody realizes
- 13 that.
- 14 There will be 144,000 metric tons of
- 15 high-level waste and 14,000 metric tons of DOD waste.
- 16 I'm not going to talk about that today. I will talk
- 17 about that Friday and I hope everybody will come to
- 18 Pahrump to hear all of our testimony there on Yucca
- 19 Mountain.
- Today I'm going to talk about transportation.
- 21 Nine years ago when I went to my first meeting at UNLV,
- 22 Dr. Canlin said all the waste is going to come through

- 23 Pahrump, up to a test site. This is a map which is in
- 24 my testimony on my transportation report which shows
- 25 the railroads. Of course, there are three plans now.

- 1 And I am demanding that the crooked commissioners in
- 2 Nye County do a proper survey of Pahrump.
- The reason is, the boundary has never been
- 4 properly surveyed and the two railroad plans, one up on
- 5 the flood plan, and the other along the Von Schmidt
- 6 line has never been properly surveyed. They have 16
- 7 million in funds and 488,000 and they're going to get
- 8 another million from PET funds.
- 9 I want everybody publicly to know we must
- 10 have a proper boundary map so we know where the Von
- 11 Schmidt line is. So the DOE who will have to construct
- 12 the railroad, if that's the one chosen for \$4 billion,
- 13 it was 1.8 when I started, will know where the line is
- 14 and that is Indian land. They'll have a lot of
- 15 litigation there, too, all of it is. So I just want
- 16 you to know the planned railroad maps.
- 17 The other one I have, which is really
- 18 interesting, is from the Western Governors Association.
- 19 Here it is on safety for high-level waste shipments.

- 20 This is Appendage B and everybody in the world should
- 21 have a copy of this because it tells you what 24 states
- 22 are about to screw the entire country and that is --
- 23 I'm talking mostly about Nevada. Nevada charges \$500
- 24 plus \$150 per truck, plus actual cost for
- 25 investigation. Of course, I have the forms for the

- 1 trucking companies. What do they say? They have one
- 2 little box that says, "Are you safe?" Of course,
- 3 they're going to say, "Yes." Who knows whether the
- 4 drivers are terrorists or not? Kentucky charges \$25.
- 5 New Hampshire charges \$5 per vehicle. And the most
- 6 expensive one is Illinois with \$2,500 per truck cask,
- 7 \$4,500 per rail cask and not a permit fee. This is 24
- 8 states screwing the public. I want everybody to know
- 9 it, see it, and enjoy it because it's devastating.
- Now, I'm going to talk about Nevada and our
- 11 Governor because we have absolutely, in Nevada, no
- 12 health protection. We recently had an incident with
- 13 our local judge who had e. coli and his children were
- 14 deathly ill. It was a long story, but it made me
- 15 investigate and send the report to the Governor that we
- 16 have no health protection because our poison control

17	for Nve	County	north comes	from	Portland.	Oregon.
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- 18 Clark County's come from Denver. If you're on a well
- 19 and septic, as I am, and you're dying of e. coli, the
- 20 health department will not look into your water, only
- 21 if you're on municipal water. What does this tell you?
- 22 That tells me that the state doesn't care.
- But I think our Governor does care. One of
- 24 the things that our Governor can do -- and I've been
- 25 stressing this to the Legislature and they're beginning

- 1 to wake up -- is that we have intra and
- 2 intertelecommunications.
- Now, I'm going to talk about our roads. We
- 4 have US-80 and we have US-15. Then we get to US-95.
- 5 Under the hazard code, US-95 is a 9 hazard. There is
- 6 none higher. 160 through Pahrump is a 7. What kind of
- 7 a road is 95? It is a two-lane road. It is done as
- 8 all Nevada roads are for flooding. Nothing more. And
- 9 the trucks that they want to put on these roads
- 10 carrying these 125,000-pound canisters are not only
- 11 oversized, but they can have retrievable axles and
- 12 truck axles.
- What will DOE do on Nevada highways? They

14	will sink.	And	we will	lose a	nice	half ton	of highly

- 15 radioactive rods. And that's terrifying. And who is
- 16 available in Nevada to help us? The answer is the only
- 17 agency that's in all of Nevada on duty 24 hours a day
- 18 is the Highway Patrol. They have very little training.
- 19 They are hundred of miles between drinks and, as you
- 20 know, between our towns is 90 miles, 75 miles and so
- 21 on. Where would a truck driver fix a flat? Because
- 22 there are no shoulders and there are no runouts.
- 23 Therefore, they would just be stuck.
- Every time there has been an accident on 95,
- 25 the spillage of oil or what have you, the highway 0069
- 1 interstate has been closed for as long as 18 hours.
- 2 What if there was a nuclear spill? Now, we've been
- 3 getting trucks for the test site all the time. But
- 4 they do meet the requirements. Our state limits are
- 5 80,000 pounds. I just said 125,000-pound cask. So
- 6 they are way over limits. I don't know how you get
- 7 around that and I have not had any answers from our
- 8 state.
- 9 MODERATOR BROWN: You're at five minutes.
- 10 MS. DEVLIN: Okay. The other thing is -- and

11 this is most important on reporting of ac	accidents.	1Ť
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- 12 you have an accident and you have a chemical spill --
- 13 and I brought in the GAO report, from '87 to '96, the
- 14 chemical industry had 150,000 accidents. On the road,
- 15 there were 250,000 accidents in those 10 years. We
- 16 cannot afford one nuclear accident with high-level
- 17 waste.
- 18 I'm going to conclude because, as you can
- 19 see, I have things on earthquakes. I have executive
- 20 order from the President that anything that affects
- 21 over \$1 million. I have the WIPP shipments. I have an
- 22 article from Indianapolis, the concern about high-level
- 23 waste going through their city.
- 24 Most of all is what our governors can do for
- 25 us. I'm talking about Nevada only because he has all 0070
- 1 the information from Iowa, from Tommy Thompson in
- 2 Wisconsin. These places are up to date. Nevada is 40
- 3 years behind the rest of the nation. It's quite
- 4 understandable because all of us came here to be
- 5 anonymous and start a new life. But if we do not get
- 6 involved in this transportation and stopping --
- 7 remember what I said, two repositories, right, Lake?

8 Then we are lost.

- 9 I hope you will join with me in stopping this
- 10 and I hope you'll come to Pahrump and hear even more
- 11 detailed reports. This will be in my presentation in
- 12 the back.
- Thank you.